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THIS IS THE END FOR IT.

IT HAS BEEN 44 YEARS SINCE THE "WAR OF THE CONTRACT" ENDED

CAN'T YOU FIX IT SOMEHOW?

IT'S IMPO-SSIBLE.

HOW ABOUT I MELT IT AND FORGE IT INTO A NEW SWORD?

INDEPENDENT TRADE CITY - HOUSMAN TUCKED IN THE CORNER OF THE CONTINENT

NO

THIS SWORD HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN FROM MY GRANDFATHER TO MY FATHER... IT SUPPORTS MY SOUL.


There was the disgusting war
that made full use of "devil contract"
on a continent once.
And it is —— now
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO CONTINUE FIGHTING WITH THIS SWORD

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THE PHENOMENON OF TURNING INTO A DEMON OCCURS WHEN A HUMAN OFFERS HIS FLESH TO A SPIRIT OF THE AIR TO FEAST UPON
A CHANTED INCANTATION SERVES AS THE TRIGGER, A PART OF THE HUMAN BODY IS OFFERED TO THE SPIRIT, THE CONTRACT IS THUS CONCLUDED AND THE SPIRIT RECEIVING FLESH BECOMES A DEMON
44 YEARS AFTER THE END OF THE GREAT WAR THAT UTILIZED SUCH DEMONS, THE WAR OF THE CONTRACT, DEMON CONTRACTS WERE BANNED AND THE CONTINENT HAD ENTERED AN ERA OF STABILITY

Prologue
——プロローグ

HEE
-EE!

B-BER-
SERK
SLASH-
ER!?

RUN!!

CAN'T I BE SA-A-AVED!?

WHY DO I SUF-FER...

WHY IS IT ALWAYS ME!!

HEY YOU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING--!?

IT'S PROBABLY SOME VAGRANT ON A RAMPAGE.

WHAT'S ALL THE COM-MOTION?

I AM A KNIGHT FROM THE KNIGHT GUARDS OF THE THIRD INDEPENDENT TRADE CITY COMPANY

CECILY CAMBELL!!

HEY. COME QUIETLY ...

CALM DOWN. THE OPPONENT IS JUST A SOLITARY HOODLUM...

HIS HAND...

IT'S NOT A NORMAL INJURY...?

WHY-Y -Y-Y -Y-Y -Y!!!

THIS...

UGH!?

H-
HUH?

WHAT
IS THIS
MAN...

I...

AND
WITH THIS
MANY
PEOPLE
WATCHING...

IT'S...
PATHETIC
CECILY
CAMBELL!

SO THIS
IS REAL
COMBAT!

SFX: PANTING

HAAAH
!!

IT'S
UNSEEMLY!!

EH?

IT BROKE...

IT...

OUR PRIDE. THE CAMBELL FAMILY SWORD...

ROOOOOOAAAAAAR!!

THIS WAS MY FIRST REAL BATTLE AND I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING

I HAVE JUST REALIZED HOW WEAK I AM

IT HAS BEEN ONE MONTH SINCE I BECAME A KNIGHT



A SHAPE THAT I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE

THAT WAS

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SWORD...

YOU'RE A BEARER OF THE "DEMON CONTRACT", AREN'T YOU?

YOU'RE A SURVIVOR OF THE WAR WHO COULDN'T ADJUST TO A PEACEFUL LIFE OR EVEN FIND EMPLOYMENT; WHO LOST HIS WAY, AND ABANDONED HIMSELF TO DESPAIR?

WOO...

THAT LEFT HAND...

!!RRRAAAOOOOR

WAIT!

THIS MAN'S LEFT EYE... IS IT ARTIFICIAL...?

I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP...

EH EH

HUH?

WHOA-AAAA

MY... MY LEGS ARE GIVING OUT...

BUBBLE: CHUCKLE

DON'T LAUGH, LUKE!

UH... ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

YEAH, LET'S JUST GO DELIVER OUR ORDER, LISA

SHUT THE HELL UP!

WHAT A PATHETIC KNIGHT EH?

HA HA HA HA...

EH...oo

YEAH, NO PROBLEM, THANKS.

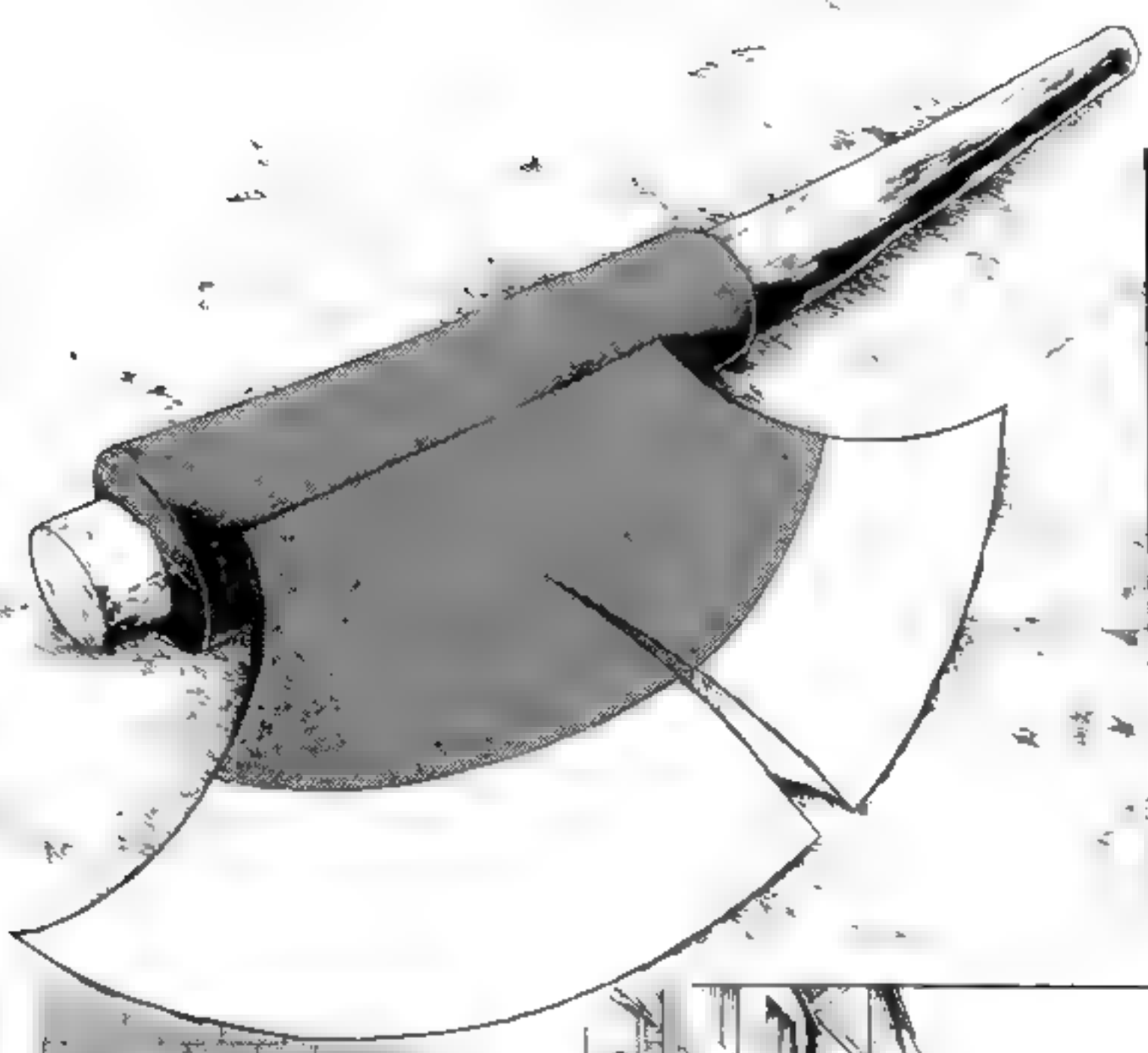
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WE'RE MARCHING OUT TOMORROW

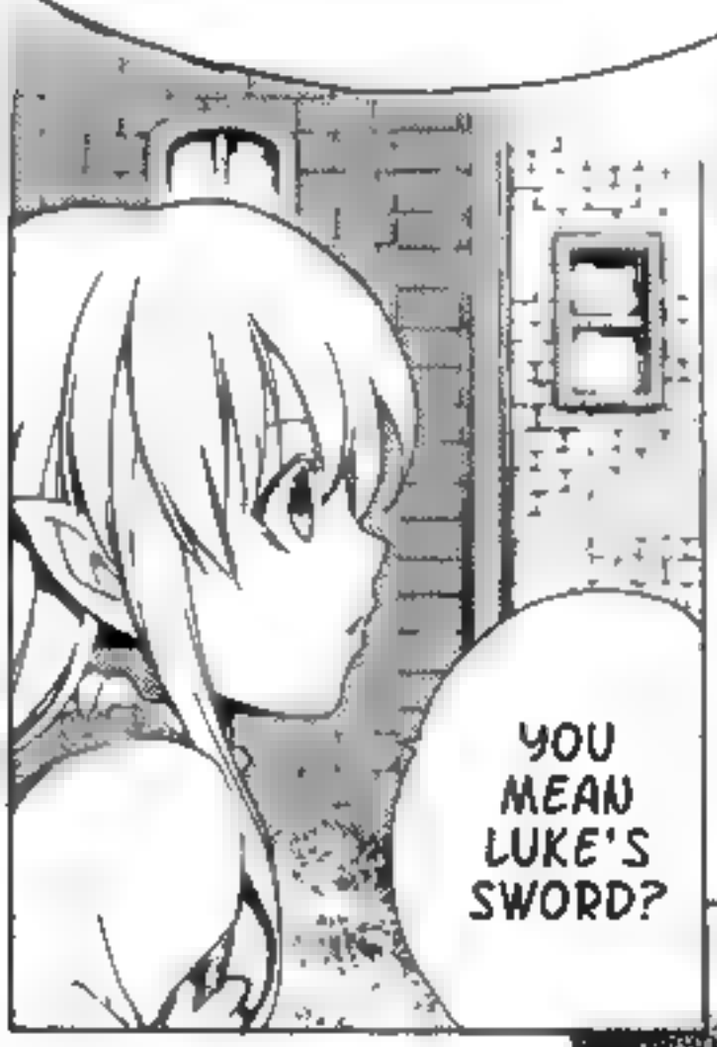
I MUST PREPARE A REPLACEMENT SWORD

BUT... WHAT'S WITH THIS FEELING

IT'S AS IF MY HEART ITSELF WAS TORN APART...






YOU MEAN LUKE'S SWORD?


IT MUST'VE COME FROM A FAMOUS BLACKSMITH SHOP
EVEN THOUGH I'VE NEVER SEEN A SWORD LIKE THAT.
IT'S A SWORD THAT CAN CUT STEEL...


WHAT DID YOU SAY!?


LUKE FORGED IT HIMSELF
BUT IT'S A SECRET!

WE RUN A BLACKSMITH SHOP FOR COMMON EVERYDAY ORDERS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE SEVENTH DISTRICT

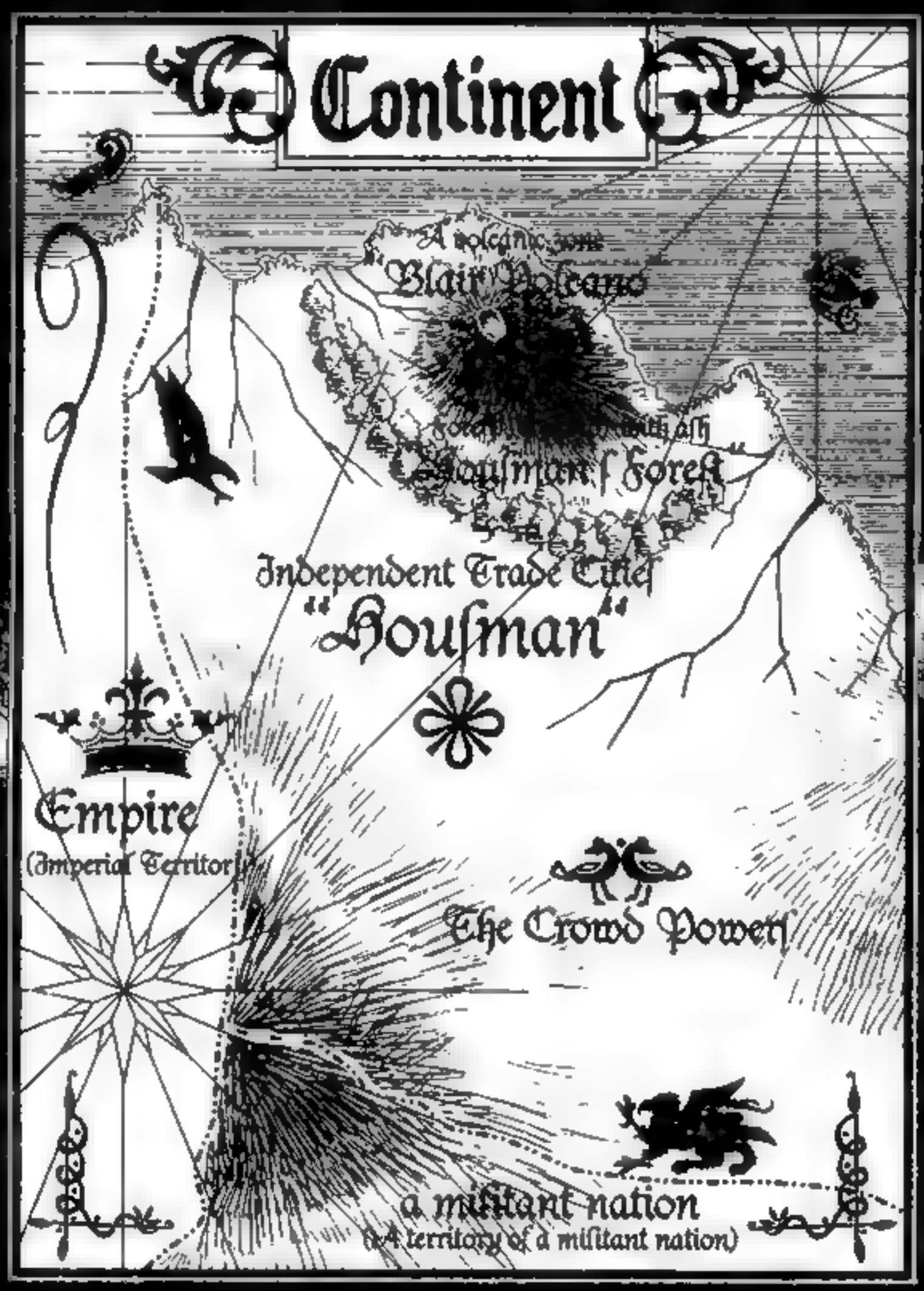
WE CALL OUR SHOP ATELIER LISA!

THAT SWORD...






THAT SWORD
I WANT IT!!



IT HAS BEEN 44 YEARS SINCE THE
WAR OF THE CONTRACT ENDED...
THE MILITANT NATION, THE EMPIRE AND
THE CROWD POWER ARE ALL EXISTING SEPARATELY,
AND THE CONTINENT HAS ENTERED AN ERA OF STABILITY

TUCKED IN THE CORNER
OF THE CONTINENT
IS THE INDEPENDENT TRADE CITY
HOUSMAN

[CXC] SCANS

THE SACRED BLACKSMITH
PROLOGUE



TRANSLATOR: EMILIA
CLEANING: [CROSS]
TYPESETTING: [CROSS]

CHECK OUT OUR SITE:
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CXC@IRCHIGHWAY.NET

WOOO! GO YANKEES! 27!!!
(COULDN'T THINK OF
ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY >.>)
- BANCHOU, [CROSS]

JOIN OUR RANKS
APPLY TODAY!


TO APPLY FOR A POSITION IN CXC SCANS OR CXC SUBS!
I'M CALLING FOR ALL INTERESTED IN SUPPORT-ING US
TO ACHIEVE OUR ULTIMATE GOAL OF DESTROYING BRITA-ER...
SPREADING ANIME AND MANGA!

INTERESTED IN HELPING US OUT ON OLD OR NEW PROJECTS? THEN APPLY TODAY! HERE ARE THE POSITIONS WE ARE RECRUITING FOR AT THE MOMENT:

JAPANESE -> ENGLISH TRANSLATOR

TYPESETTER

RAW PROVIDER (AS IN BUYS AND SCANS VOLUMES)

TO APPLY, CLICK ON "JOIN THE TEAM" ON OUR SITE: HTTP://WWW.CXCSCANS.CO.CC

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CHAPTER 01

Knight (beginning)



WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

WHA ...

NICE TO MEET YOU!

GREET PEOPLE PROPERLY!

!?

HUH, SO YOU'RE A CUSTOMER

I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE AN ORDER.

I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A SMITHY.

A SWORD. JUST LIKE THE ONE YOU HAVE!

KAIMA-

HASAMI-

NATA-

KUWA-

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORDER?

I HAVE TO WARN YOU THOUGH, WE ONLY DO COMMON EVERYDAY ITEMS

I WONDER IF YOU CAN FORGE ME

!

PLEASE FIND ANOTHER SHOP

WHAT?

SORRY, WE HAVE DISCONTINUED THE FORGING OF SWORDS EVEN DURING MY FATHER'S TIME

LISA TOLD ME

!

EH... BUT THE SWORD YOU WERE CARRYING BACK IN TOWN WAS MADE BY YOU, WASN'T IT?

ヒヒヒ

YOUR SKILL IS SUPERB, WHY AREN'T YOU FAMOUS YET!?

HERE'S TEA ♪

YOU MUST BE AWARE OF THE POWER OF YOUR SWORD...

SORRY, PLEASE LEAVE

LUKE

"KATANA" ..

SO THAT'S THE NAME OF A SWORD SHAPED LIKE THAT ..

THAT'S ...

I CAN ONLY FORGE A KATANA FOR MY OWN BENEFIT

WHAT I DECIDED A LONG TIME AGO

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH

I'M THE SUCCESSOR OF THE CAMPBELL FAMILY

IN PLACE OF MY FATHER WHO FELL ILL AND PASSED AWAY

EVEN THOUGH I STAND HERE PRESUMPTUOUSLY, I BECAME A KNIGHT JUST ONE MONTH AGO

HIS COMRADE -IN-ARMS AND RIGHT-HAND MAN WAS CAMBELL

MY GRANDFATHER

THE MAN WHO LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE INDEPENDENT TRADE CITIES DURING THE GREAT WAR WAS HOUSMAN

FROM THAT POINT ON CAMBELLS HAVE SERVED IN THE KNIGHT GUARDS IN ORDER TO DEFEND THE CITIES

BUT I REALIZED SOMETHING QUITE CLEARLY TODAY

HE WAS A PROUD MAN WHO HAD ABANDONED THE RUINED CONTINENT AND HIS UNHAPPY POSITION AS AN ARISTOCRAT, AND SPARED NO EFFORT TOWARD ENSURING THE CITIES' INDEPENDENCE AND PROSPERITY

I WANT IT

...THAT'S WHY

THE SPIRIT IS ABOVE ALL

I AM WEAK

AN UNBREAKABLE SWORD AND UNBREAKABLE SPIRIT

I WANT YOU TO FORGE A SWORD LIKE THAT FOR ME!

PROTECTING MY PRIDE. DEFENDING THE CITIES— IT'S AS IF I'M HALF A PERSON... A SWORD THAT CAN BE MY PARTNER

IS THAT ALL YOU WANTED TO SAY?

...WHAT THE

NO. THIS MIGHT SEEM LIKE NOTHING BUT MY SELF-INDULGENCE

THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT ME INTIMATELY!

HMM?

HUH?

EH?

AH...!

THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU LOOK AT ME!

I WOULD NEVER THINK OF IT WITH A RUDE JERK LIKE HIM!!

...NOT A NICE THING TO SAY

N-NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT

WAIT

THAT'S... QUITE BOLD, CECILY-SAN

UH

I'M TELLING YOU, THAT WASN'T IT!!

CONFESSING YOUR LOVE SO SUDDENLY ...

I WOULD LIKE TO HIRE YOU TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE US!

T-TOMORROW OUR KNIGHT GUARDS COMPANY IS SETTING OUT ON A MISSION

WE ARE TO ELIMINATE SOME HIGHWAY BANDITS.

LUKE AINSWORTH!

C-NOTE: THE CULPRIT IS YOU!!

.....!?

IF YOU SEE ME IN ACTION THERE.

IT MIGHT BE ENOUGH TO CONVINCE YOU TO USE YOUR SMITHING TALENT!

HOW DOES THAT SOUND?

BECAUSE YOU'LL BE LENDING US YOUR SWORD HAND. YOU WILL BE PAID AS A MERCENARY

SOUNDS GOOD

!

R-REALLY?

THIS COULD TURN OUT TO BE PRETTY INTERESTING

THE NEXT DAY...

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...

THIRD DISTRICT KNIGHT GUARDS, MOVE OUT!

HONESTLY!

LUKE! PLEASE ACT LIKE YOU'RE CIVILIZED!

PEOPLE ARE STARING!

AFTER MARCHING OUT OF HOUSMAN'S THIRD GATE

WHY IS THAT CHILD HERE...

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A VAST LANDSCAPE OPENED UP, WITH THE SMOOTH SURFACE OF THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY STRETECHING ALL THE WAY TO THE EMPIRE'S BORDER CHECKPOINT

WAIT! WAIT!

THE TERRITORY HERE IS VAST. SO WE MUST FIRST SEARCH FOR THE GANG'S LOCATION

ROUGHLY HOW STRONG IS THE GANG WE'RE AFTER?

AH! IT'S BIRDIE-SAN!

ACCORDING TO A SURVIVOR'S TESTIMONY. THEY'RE A LITTLE UNDER 20 MEN

KYA!?

AH I FELL DOWN

HOWEVER...

ACCORDING TO THE RUMORS. THIS GANG KEEPS SOME UNHUMAN BEASTS

"UNHUMANS" ARE BEINGS THAT WON'T BECOME HUMAN

IN A BROAD SENSE, THE TERM REFERS TO A WIDE-RANGING VARIETY OF BEASTS, FROM ORDINARY WILD DOGS TO TENTACLED MAN-EATING PLANTS

UNHUMAN?

うゎーい♪

AAH. I FOUND IT IN OUR HOUSE'S STORAGE SHED

WHAT IS THAT SWORD?

FATHER, PLEASE PROTECT ME...

BESIDES

THE PRIDE OF THE CAMBELL FAMILY IS STILL BROKEN...

BESIDES, YOU FOUND A BLACKSMITH

I WON'T SAY IT

IF... IF YOU SAY THAT I SOUND LIKE A CHILD...

I DON'T DISLIKE PEOPLE WHO VALUE THEIR SWORDS

LUKE...

HOW DID SHE MANAGE TO TWIST MY WORDS?

スタスタスタ

AND IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!

I'M TROUBLED IF YOU SAY... SOMETHING LIKE THAT

...I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU, LUKE AINSWORTH, WOULD HAVE SUCH A PREFER-ENCE!

HOW ARE LISA AND YOU RELATED?

SHE'S JUST A LIVE-IN HELPER

CECILY -SAAAN!

I FOUND HER...

JUST WHAT I WAS THINKING

LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE TO HAVE A SERIOUS TALK ONE MORE TIME...

THESE LITTLE ONES TOLD ME

WHERE THE BANDITS' HIDEOUT IS!

EH!?

IT'S THIS WAY ♪

HUH?

!?

IT'S CONVENIENT, THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT HER ALONG

LISA CAN TALK TO ANIMALS

C-CONVENIENT OR INCONVENIENT, IS THAT REALLY THE ISSUE!?

WAIT A MINUTE!

H-HEY

IN THE END

THE ENCOUNTER WAS QUITE SUDDEN

ONE MIGHT SAY IT WAS AN UNFORTUNATE MEETING

...I WILL CUT THEM OFF!!!

THIS AWOKE AN EXPLOSIVE FURY FROM THE DEPTHS OF HER SOUL...

TO HER CHAGRIN, SHE WAS SHOWN SOMETHING SHE DID NOT WANT TO SEE

ALL MEN INSTINCTIVELY TURNED THEIR TOES INWARD

FU FU

WAA AA AAA !!!

N-HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BANDITS !!

LUKE!

LOOK WELL WITH THAT EYE OF YOURS!

SHI-

UH-HUH...

ARGH !?

WA

WE'RE BEING SNIPED AT FROM THE TOPS OF THE TREES!!

BE CARE-FUL

IT HURTS!

WHERE...

C-NOTE: DAMN CAMPERS

A PRAYER CONTRACT 19...

A PRAYER CON-TRACT!

RO-GER

THEY'RE USING A PRAYER CON-TRACT, TAKE COVER!

BY HAVING "TAMAHAGANE" STEEL, PRODUCED FROM IRON SAND

REACT WITH SPIRITS FLOATING IN THE AIR,

TL NOTE: HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/TAMAHAGANE

A FORMULA FOR CAUSING VARIOUS EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS

ONE CAN GIVE RISE TO TREMENDOUS GALES OF WIND...!

UGU...

U
WA
AA
AAA
AA
AÁA

YES!

HEE!

FREEZE!

AND I WON'T KILL YOU!

LATELY, THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS ATTACKS ON TRADE CARAVANS IN THE AREAS BETWEEN THE EMPIRE AND THE INDEPENDENT TRADE CITIES

IT WAS YOUR DOING, WASN'T IT?

WE ARE THE KNIGHT GUARDS CHARGED WITH MAINTAINING PUBLIC ORDER

WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING ...

AT THE QUES-TION...

WHERE IS THE REST OF YOUR GANG?

COME ON, SPIT IT OUT!

HE HE!

!?




HEY, WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?


LUKE




A BEAST'S ROAR...

AH!

HEH!

COULD IT BE...

...H ACCORDING TO RUMORS, THIS GANG KEEPS SOME UNHUMAN BEASTS...

H-HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!

DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!!

SHIT...

HH!

HH!



IT'S... IT'S THE INHUMANS ....!!

THEY REALLY CAME OUT!

SHIT!


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ドシュ

U...

UWAA AAA AAAA AAA AAA AA!!

AGU GU...

GU...

KAHA...

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS..

WHA...

I HAVEN'T ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING YET

I HAVEN'T PROTECTED ANYONE

PLEASE WAIT

.....

AM I MEETING MY END ALREADY !?

ガタッ

!?

……？


GET UP, CECILY CAMBELL!

WAS I RIGHT TO THINK YOU'RE REALLY ALL TALK?

!.....

THEY REALLY CAME OUT

Hh hh hh...

LISA

HERE LUKE

LITTER

NO LITTER -ING!

HEY...

DON'T YOU RUN AWAY FROM ME, BANDITS!

HUH

IT'S ALRIGHT NOW, CECILY -SAN

BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE LUKE IS NOW IN THAT MOOD!





TOO WEAK ...



THE SWORD'S CUTTING STYLE YES. BUT ALSO THE SWORDSMANSHIP ITSELF...

AMAZING...

A...

THIS IS THE OPPOSITE

LUKE IS DEFINITELY STEPPING INTO HIS OPPONENT'S ADVANCES

HIS FEET SLIDING

WITH HIS RIGHT FOOT FORWARD

HIS SWORD DANCES NIMBLY, DRIVEN BY THE MOVEMENT OF THE WHOLE BODY...

...WHILE NEVER LIFTING OFF THE GROUND

LUKE...

JUST WHAT ARE YOU?

HUFF

HUFF

!

LUKE

ALWAYS DODGES BY A PAPER-THIN MARGIN

WHY DOES IT LOOK LIKE HE'S CORNERED...!?

YOU UNDER-STAND THIS, RIGHT?

THAT'S WHY HE DOESN'T PARRY, MUCH LESS LOCK SWORDS

ON THE BATTLE-FIELD, LOSING YOUR WEAPON MEANS DEATH

...WHAT IN THE WORLD IS A "KATANA"?

OR ITS EDGE COULD BECOME CHIPPED, EVEN IF IT'S LUKE'S KATANA

TRUE, BUT ALSO THE SWORD COULD BREAK

SO THAT HE CAN STEP OUT OF HARM'S WAY TIME AFTER TIME...!!

IT TAKES A SPECIAL "FOLD FORGING" TECHNIQUE THAT VERY FEW CRAFTSMEN PRACTICE SINCE TIMES PAST

IT IS A THOROUGHLY TEMPERED BLADE WHICH REQUIRES MUCH TIME AND DILIGENCE

THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL A "KATANA"!

DUE TO ITS MOLDING TECHNIQUE, IT IS BEYOND COMPARE AGAINST MASS-PRODUCED SWORDS IN TERMS OF HOW TOUGH IT IS OR HOW WELL IT CAN CUT

WELL THEN

COULD IT BE THAT HIS AGGRESSIVE SWORDSMANSHIP IS ALSO A SPECIAL CHARACTERISTIC OF A "KATANA"...?

.....!

IT WILL BE AN EASY VICTORY IF YOU LEAVE IT ALL TO LUKE



BUT ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?



I WANT YOU TO SEE ME

I'M NOT

THERE IS NO WAY I'M OKAY WITH IT!

I WANT YOU TO SEE ME

I CAN'T

ACCEPT

MYSELF WHEN I'M LIKE THIS!!

EZ

HAH!

THE RESISTANCE OF FLESH BEING CUT IS FELT FROM SWORD TO ARM

WHAT A RAW SENSATION

FEEL THE FURY!

DON'T PULL BACK!

BUT I CAN MAKE UP FOR IT WITH MY SPIRIT!

I CAN'T BE AS SKILLED AS LUKE

ドキ

私は—

NOT POSSI-BLE!

NEXT!

DON'T GET SO FULL OF YOURSELF, BITCH!!

UGA!!

!!

CUT YOUR USELESS CHATTER!

!

WHERE'S YOUR MAIDENLY MODESTY?

YOU'RE AN UNEXPECT-EDLY HOT-BLOODED WOMAN, CECILY CAMBELL!

EVERYONE, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO JUST KEEP STARING!?

DO YOUR JOB AND METE OUT JUSTICE!!

HHHHH!!

OOOOOOOO!!

O...

I CAN...

I'M ALRIGHT

I CAN DO IT!!

BUT THE PARTY DID NOT EXPECT TO LEARN SOMETHING ELSE IN THAT PLACE

IT SEEMED LIKE THE MATTER WAS RESOLVED EXPEDITIOUSLY

AS THE BANDITS WERE APPREHENDED ONE BY ONE,

THE TERROR OF THE DEMON CONTRACT...



Cecily Campbell

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CHAPTER 01
KNIGHT (THE BEGINNING)



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FUNNY HOW THE MANGA
CHOSE TO BE FUNNIER
THAN THE ANIME
TURNED OUT TO BE.
- BANCHOU, [CROSS]

LUKE! LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS! LET'S JOIN CXC SCANS AND WHIP THEM INTO SHAPE!

DON'T POINT AT ME

DAMMIT. WHY HASN'T CXC RELEASED THE LATEST SACRED BLACKSMITH CHAPTER!?

I NEED SOME-THING TO READ

GOD DAMN IT!

DISCLAIMER: THIS IS NOT DRAMATIZED. THESE ARE REAL PEOPLE, WITH REAL PROBLEMS. NOT ACTORS!

ARE YOU LIKE THESE PEOPLE? THEN JOIN CXC SCANS TODAY!

GO TO: WWW.CXCSCANS.CO.CC

AND CLICK ON THE "JOIN THE TEAM" TAB AT THE TOP!

AT THE MOMENT, WE'RE RECRUITING:

JAP. TO ENG. TRANSLATORS
TYPESETTERS

WHERE'S MY MANGA!? IT'S BEEN A MONTH ALREADY!

The War of the Contract

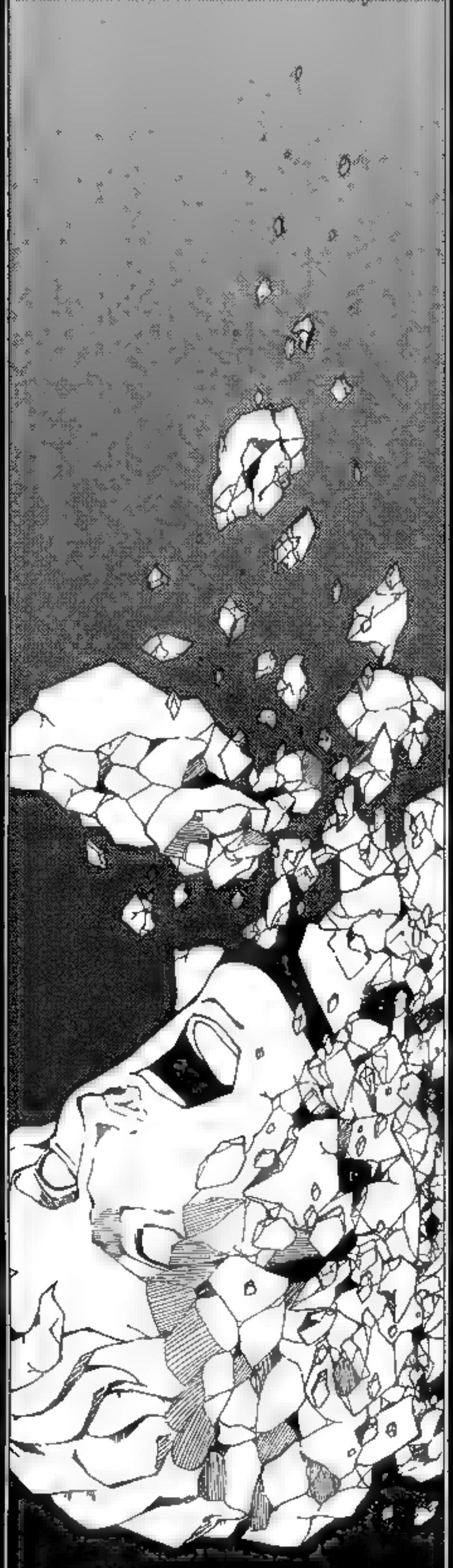
Valbanil

The war's participants all say "It was hell!"

The conflict 44 years ago that involved every nation on the Continent...

It was said the war was fought by demons, not humans, and so it came to be called the War of the Contract

The reason for that was the use of Demon Contracts



However, demons were produced through the sacrifice of human flesh

Back then, the warring countries aiming for an imminent victory valued demon fighting power highly. In the closing years of the war, not only soldiers, but even regular civilians were rounded up and forced to take the Contract

Not knowing which nation they belonged to, demons ran amok in border areas, utterly destroying frontier settlements

It seemed the Demon Contract, which had driven the Continent to the brink of collapse, would disappear, but...

After the war ended, the Contract became taboo on the Continent



Chapter 02

Knight

(middle)

GA!

RALLY, KNIGHT GUARDS!

DONT LET THE BANDITS ESCAPE!!

AAAAA!

THIS WAY, CECILY CAMBELL!

THE LAST ONE IS TRYING TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT!

LUKE, LISA...

HHH

HHH

HHH

HA

HA

A SIMPLE GANG KEEPING UNHUMANS? THERE MUST BE SOMETHING BEHIND THIS...

YOU'D BETTER TALK

HOO HOO ...

HE HE HE ..

WHAT IS HE...

EH?

WAIT

SOME-THING'S NOT RIGHT.

LUKE.

LISA?

.....

ドン

WHA !?

THAT WAS A DEATH SPELL JUST NOW!

GET BACK, CECILY CAM-BELL!!

EH!?

DEATH SPELL!?

A DEATH SPELL, THAT IS...

THE TRIGGER FOR THE DEMON CONTRACT!

AGA...

LOOK CLOSE-LY

.....

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

ARR
RRR
GHHH

UH

U-
UH

THE DEMON CONTRACT THROUGH SACRIFICE OF FLESH

YOU MUST'VE AT LEAST HEARD OF THIS

THAT BASTARD... IN DESPAIR, HE ABANDONED ANY SEMBLANCE OF CONTROL

THIS IS VERY ANNOY-ING!

HE SHOULD'VE BEEN LIKE THAT LAST VAGRANT, SACRIFICING A PART OF HIS BODY, BUT...

!? FROM THE LAST GREAT WAR...

OPEN YOUR EYES TO REALITY!!

B-BUT

THE DEMON CONTRACT HAS BEEN BANNED UNDER THE CONTINENT LAW...

LUKE IS FRUSTRATED TO THIS EXTENT...?

!?

!

WHA-... WHAT HAPPENED?

IT'S COLD...

A MIST...!

A DEMON IS BORN...



WHY, THIS IS...

EVEN IF IT LOOKS LIKE A BEAST, THERE IS NOT A HINT OF THE WARM PULSE OF LIFE IN IT....

AN ICE BEAST!?

HEY! WAKE UP...


GA!...

!!

GU...





YES!

LISA! THERE IS NO OTHER WAY!

TSK!

WE HAVE TO USE *THAT* ONCE IN A WHILE

"I WANT YOU TO SEE ME"

ME...

WHAT IS IT?

WATER QUENCH-ING

SELECT-TION

SMALL RATIO

FOLD-ING

FOLD-ING

FOLD-ING

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, LUKE?

FOLD-ING

ACCUMU-LATION

FORG-ING

LUKE'S VOICE...

FOLD-
ING
FOLD-
ING
CORE
STEEL
FORGING
SKIN
STEEL
FORGING
!?

CLAY COATING

SHAPING AND COOLING

QUENCHING

FORGING THE POINT

FORGING THE BLADE

ONE AFTER ANOTHER... WHAT IS IT NOW!?

LUKE. LISA

!! OH NO...

THE DEMON IS ABOUT TO ATTACK!

SIZING

ROUGH POLISH

TL NOTE: THESE ARE TYPES OF KATANA POLISHING STONES. FROM COARSER TO FINER.

BINSUI -DO

CHUNA-GURA -DO

CAN I MAKE IT IN TIME!?

KAISEI -DO

TSK!

KOMANA-GURA-DO

I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. I'M STILL...

MY JOB IS TO PROTECT CITIZENS LIKE YOU!!

THE CURRENT HEAD OF THE PROUD CAMBELL FAMILY!

PLEASE WATCH ME ——…

LUKE!

Y-
YOU…

!?

THIS IS CECILY CAMBELL!!

UCHIGU-MORI

JIDO FINISHING POLISH TATAKI JITSUYA

NUGAI HADORI

MIGAKI NARUME OF THE BOUSHI

HILT MOUNT-ING


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I WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE IT WITH NO PROBLEMS, THANKS TO YOU.


LUKE...

NOW LEAVE THIS TO ME!



✶ Luke Ainsworth ✶

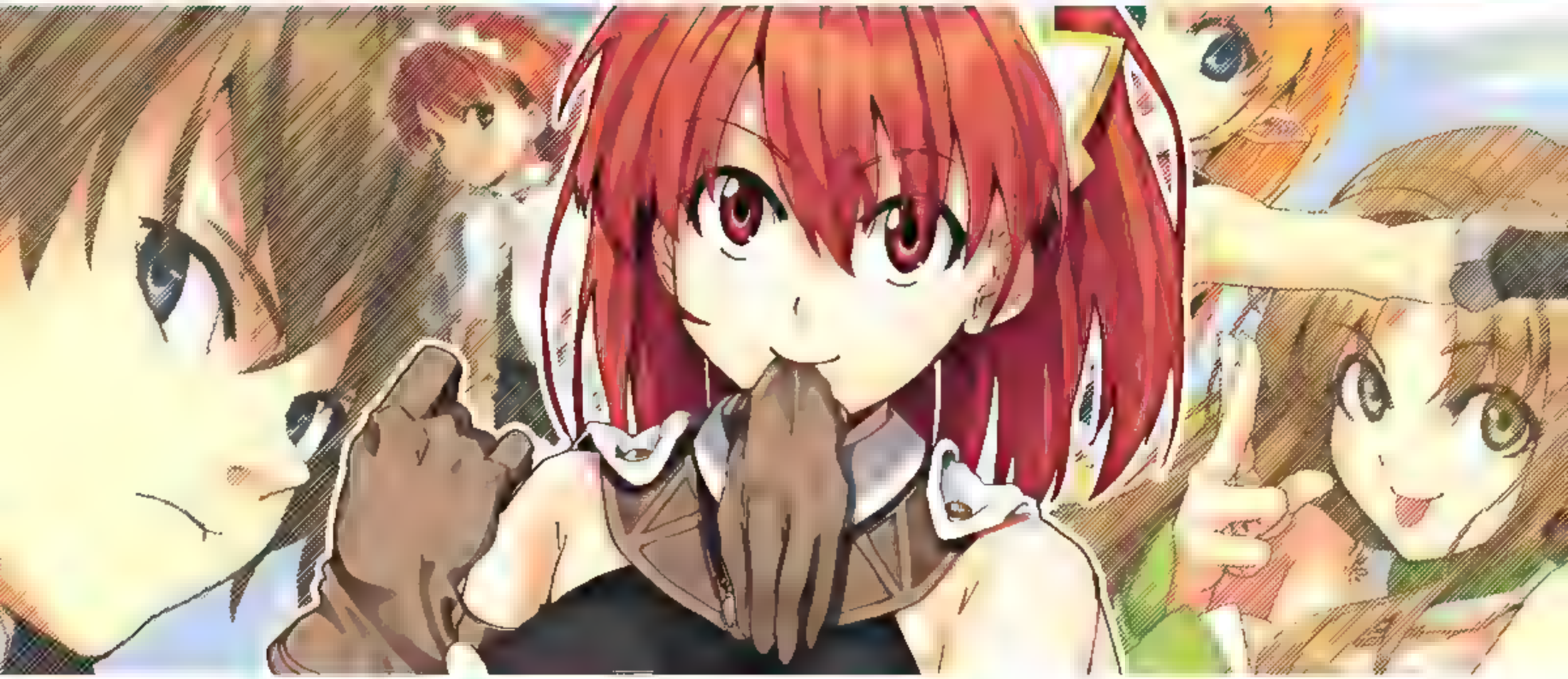
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THE SACRED BLACKSMITH
CHAPTER 02
KNIGHT (MIDDLE)



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THESE ARE UNTRANSLATABLE TERMS FOR VARIOUS KATANA POLISHING AND REFINING PROCESSES. YES, IT'S VERY COMPLICATED.
"BOUSHI" - PART OF THE HAMON NEAR THE POINT OF THE KATANA.
"HAMON" - THE LINE ALONG THE ENTIRE BLADE THAT SEPARATES SOFTER FROM HARDER STEEL.
- TRANSLATOR, CMERTB

LUKE! LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS! LET'S JOIN CXC SCANS AND WHIP THEM INTO SHAPE!

DON'T POINT AT ME

DAMMIT. WHY HASN'T CXC RELEASED THE LATEST SACRED BLACKSMITH CHAPTER!?

I NEED SOME-THING TO READ

GOD DAMN IT!

DISCLAIMER: THIS IS NOT DRAMATIZED. THESE ARE REAL PEOPLE, WITH REAL PROBLEMS. NOT ACTORS!

ARE YOU LIKE THESE PEOPLE? THEN JOIN CXC SCANS TODAY!

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AND CLICK ON THE "JOIN THE TEAM" TAB AT THE TOP!

AT THE MOMENT, WE'RE RECRUITING:

JAP. TO ENG. TRANSLATORS
TYPESETTERS

WHERE'S MY MANGA!? IT'S BEEN A MONTH ALREADY!

RED KATANA!!

GO!

BUT... RIGHT NOW IT'S THE PERFECT THING

IT'S GENERATING HEAT...? WHERE DID THAT KATANA COME FROM...!?

CHAPTER 03

Knight

(end)



AMAZING ..!
THE BEAST
IS BEING
BURNED
DOWN..!!

WA-
WATCH
OUT!!


LUKE...

LUKE-!







PHEW...



LISA?

WE WON...!

SO I...

HUGGED YOU TIGHLY FROM BEHIND TO SUPPORT!

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I... BECAUSE YOU WERE WOBBLING, CECILY -SAN...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ANYMORE. LUKE DEFEATED THE DEMON

YE... YEAH

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ARE YOU ALRIGHT, DID THAT DEMON...

LU-... LUKE!?

BLOOD!

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UH....!

I- I'M ALRIGHT, BUT DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT

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THAT?

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WHY IS IT MY FAULT?!

URGENT COUNTER-MEASURES ARE NEEDED...

I MUST REPORT THIS IMMEDIATELY TO THE GUARDS COMMANDER WHEN WE RETURN

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THERE MUST BE SOMETHING BEHIND THIS

FOR THERE TO BE SUCH A GANG THAT USED UNHUMANS AND PERFORMED A DEMON CONTRACT...

SO WHEN YOU GET UPSET YOU BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF PEOPLE?

ABOUT THAT... ME GETTING UPSET JUST NOW...

NOW NOW

BUT YOU KNOW, GETTING A NOSEBLEED JUST FROM THAT

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WELL, LET'S DROP THAT FOR NOW

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I WANT THEM!

AT ANY RATE, THEY WERE B- BIG...

SHUT UP OR I'LL KICK YOU OUT!

LUKE TURNED OUT TO BE SURPRISINGLY INNOCENT

LUKE AINSWORTH

BY THE WAY...

WOULD YOU CONSIDER THE MATTER WE DISCUSSED YESTERDAY?

THE LEFT EYE WITH NO LIGHT IN IT

THE UNSEEING EYE

BUT IT WOULD BE RUDE TO QUESTION HIM ON THAT NOW

"KATANA" BORN OUT OF A BLACK FEBRIL

THE FORGOTTEN BLACKSMITHING TECHNIQUES

LUKE...

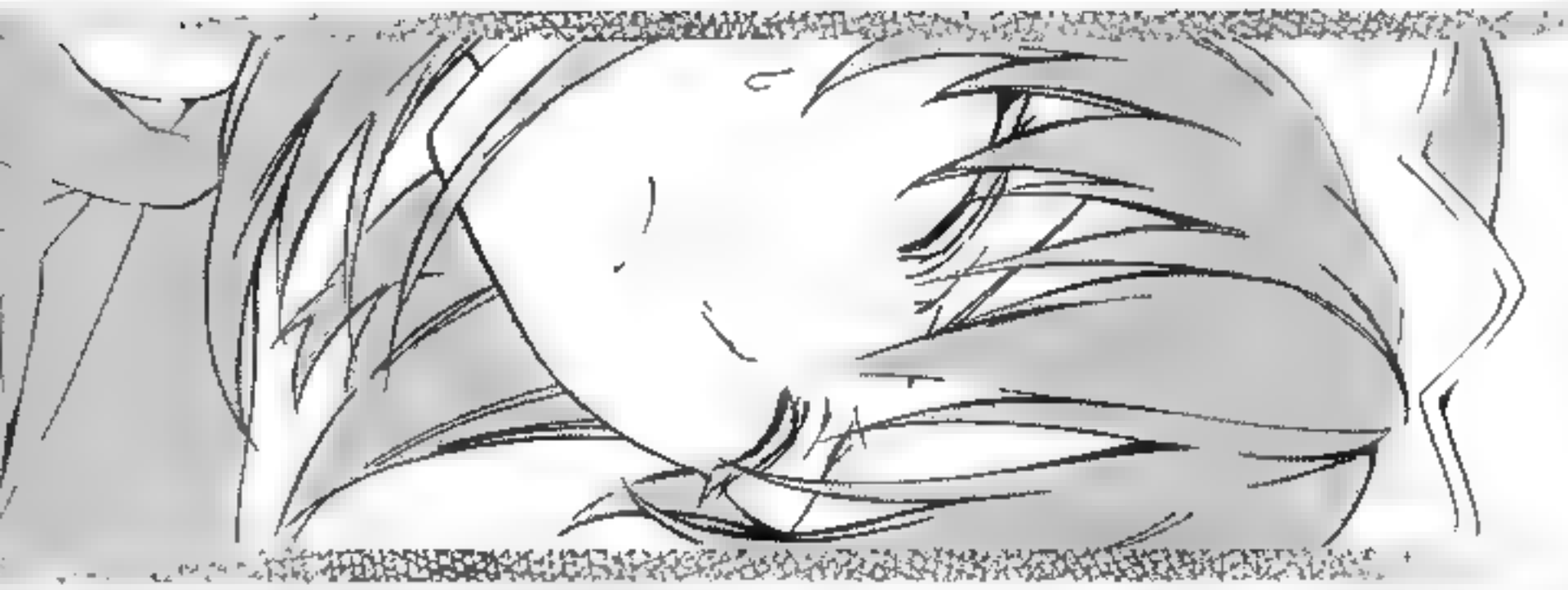
THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DEMON CONTRACT

THERE IS ONLY ONE THING THAT I WANT!

PLEASE FORGE A SWORD FOR ME!











THANK YOU, LUKE

IT'S A PROMISE!

OKAY, FINE

UH...

I WILL PROTECT THIS NATION WITH YOUR SWORD

AND FOR THAT...

AND FOR THAT!

PLEASE MAKE ME THE ULTIMATE SWORD!!

...WHAT IS IT?

.....

NO-THING

IT'S JUST THAT I'VE MET SOMEONE IN THE PAST WHO HAD SAID THE SAME THING

THERE IS A DEFINITE RESEMBLANCE...

NEVER MIND... JUST FORGET IT

MY KATANA IS WAY BETTER THAN LOCAL SWORDS BECAUSE IT'S MADE OUT OF THE PUREST TAMAHAGANE

UH... LUKE?

DON'T "EH" ME!

WHAT A NAIVE WOMAN

DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D DO THIS OUT OF GOODWILL?

EH?

APART FROM THAT, LET'S TALK ABOUT MONEY

TL NOTE: TAMAHAGANE IS JAPANESE STEEL MADE OUT OF BLACK IRON SAND AND USED FOR SWORD MAKING

DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS

YOU'RE BABB-LING

A D-... DEFERRED PAYMENT MAYBE....?

C- CAN I PAY IN INSTALL-MENTS...?

HUH? DO I CARE?

WELL, I... I NEVER SAID MY WAGES WERE HIGH...

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YOU GREEDY BASTARD!

...LET'S LEAVE CECILY CAMBELL AND THE MAKING OF HER NEW SWORD FOR NOW...

SHIT

WHY CAN'T I BE SAVED?

LIKE SOMETHING HAPPENING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY

DRINK-ING, PAR-TIES...

?

YES, NO BEGIN-NERS

THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT SHOWS SOMEONE EXPERI-ENCED

I DON'T NEED BEGIN-NERS

EXCUSE ME

AND THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING "HELLO" TO YOU NOW

YOU JUST GO ON A RAMPAGE AT WILL, GET FOUND OUT, GET DEFEATED

TAKE THE PILL

TAKE IT

TAKE IT

TAKE IT

TAKE IT

TAKE IT

TAKE IT

TAKE IT

TAKE IT

S'HE THE 'GOD OF DEATH' GREETING ME?

WHO IS HE...?

NO, THIS ISN'T THE GOD OF DEATH...

COME ON, TAKE IT QUICK-LY!!

HEEEEYYYY

THIS IS THE DEVIL...

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT, COMMANDER?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THAT MISSION THE OTHER DAY.

HOW-EVER...

THE GANG THAT YOU HAD CAPTURED-

THE THIRD DISTRICT KNIGHT GUARDS COMMANDER HANNIBAL QUASAR

WHA-...

ALL 17 PRISONERS DIED IN THE DUNGEON LAST NIGHT

IT WAS A GRUESOME SIGHT

THEY WREATHED IN PAIN, THERE WERE HOLES ALL OVER THEIR BODIES, AND BLOOD SQUIRTED OUT OF THOSE HOLES

!

IT'S A MARKET-PLACE AUCTION ARTICLE

BUT DON'T WORRY, WE HAVE FOUND OUT THAT GANG'S TARGET

THAT'S TERRIBLE ...

THIS IS THE PARASITE THAT WAS USED TO SILENCE THEM FOREVER

AUCTION ARTICLE

...AND WHAT IS THAT ARTICLE?

DEMON SWORD ARIA

to be continued…



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